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MENDELEVICH (USSR) VAPPROACHED AKALOVSKY AT SOV RECEPTION 6/42, 4 TONIGHT AND, READING FROM PREPARED TEXT. GAVE FOLLOWING INFO REGARDING VERIFICATION OF MISSILE SHIPMENT.

- 1. SOVGOV BELIEVES AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH US THAT US VESSELS WILL APPROACH CLOSELY SOVIET SHIPS AND MAKE VISUAL OBSERVATION.
- 2. ALL SOV SHIPS WILL FOLLOW SAME COURSE, I.E., VIA STRAITS OF FLORIDA.
- R. MINE SOVIET SHIPS, NAMES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO US. ARE CARRYING ALL 42 MISSILES. MISSILES ARE ON DECK AND COVERED WITH CANVAS.
- 4. MASTERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED INFORM US SIDE REGARDING NUMBER OF MISSILES ON BOARD THEIR RESPECTIVE VESSELS. USSR BELIEVES THIS PROCEDURE FULLY ADEQUATE TO ASCERTAIN THAT ALL 42 MISSILES ARE BEING SHIPPED OUT.
- 5. IF US INSISTS ON USING HELICOPTERS IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION SO THAT US COULD BE ASSURED THAT USSR IS HONESTLY CARRYING OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS.

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6. IF NEEDED. CANVAS CAN BE PARTLY REMOVED.

7. REGARDING GILPATRIC'S REQUEST FOR CALL SIGNS SOV SHIPS, THERE NO NEED FOR SUCH INFO AND QUESTION DOES NOT ARISE IN VIEW OF FACT THAT US KNOWS NAMES OF SHIPS, THEIR SCHEDULE, AND COURSE.

MENDELEVICH REQUESTED ABOVE INFO BE PASSED TO APPROPRIATE US AUTHORITIES.

STEVENSON

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